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REPORT MADE AT: Seattle, Wash.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/10/24.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/8/24.	REPORT MADE BY: R. E. Skelly
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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

**EFFORT TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT FOR
NEW RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS -**

RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES -

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FACTS DEVELOPED: **At Seattle, Washington:**

Today Agent got in touch with a **MR. J. C. LINDSAY** who is an Efficiency Engineer for the Pacific Coast Coal Company and who represents said Company in the Chamber of Commerce, advised Agent that a committee of the Chamber of Commerce consisting of Dr. H. K. Benson, Edwin L. Webber and J. C. Lindsay had been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to devise ways and means of getting employment for the ~~Russian~~ Immigrants of which there are quite a number located in Seattle. The fact that most of them are good husky fellows, some of them very well educated but who are unable to speak English, makes it necessary for our civic and philanthropic organizations to assist them and it was for this purpose that the above committee was made.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: MEETING OF RUSSIANS - Russian Activities			
FACTS DEVELOPED: At Seattle, Washington:			
<p>The attached handbill was picked up by Agent among other radical literature in the I.W.W. hall some few days ago, announcing a Mass Meeting at the Labor Temple for Sunday, January 13th, 1924, at which meeting the program will include speeches to Russian Immigrants.</p> <p>During the past six or eight months, quite a large number of Russians have arrived at this Port and are making their home in and about Seattle and, of course, are all financially embarrassed and looking for work. A special effort has been made by Father Metropolsky, who is the representative of the Russian Church here and who is doing everything in his power to start the Russians off in the proper manner, for them to become good citizens and not align themselves with any of the radical organizations, particularly the Communists.</p> <p>A special effort is being made by some members of the <u>Workers Party of America</u> (Communists), to have the new Russian Immigrants join the Workers Party and Father Metropolsky is making every effort to thwart their plans. This circular was taken up with the Priest and he is going to make an effort to guide them in case they should be required to join any of the local Labor</p>			
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Organizations and see that they do not get into any which are controlled or dominated by the Communistic element through the Workers Party of America.

Agent intends to cover this meeting Sunday, and will report further in the matter.

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Under the Auspices of the Union of Russian Immigrants Will Be Called a

—MASS—

Colonial Meeting

— AT —

LABOR TEMPLE

Sixth and University

Sunday, Jan. 13, 1924, at 2 P.M.

The program will include a very important and interesting discussion for all the Russian Immigrants in America.

The speeches will be given in the Russian and English languages.



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MEETING OF RUSSIANS

Russian Activities

Facts developed at Seattle, Washington:

Reference to this Agent's report, titled as above and dated 1/10/24. Continuing this report, Agent today got in touch with PETER ROTAST, who is a Russian recently arrived in Seattle, one of the higher class, and who is employed soliciting subscriptions and advertisements for the "Russian Gazette", and who agreed to attend subject meeting and furnish information which he might gather to Agent.

Mr. Rotast stated that there were about two hundred people present at the meeting and that about a third of this number were followers of REV. METROPOLSKY, Russian Priest, and who make their home up and about the Russian Church on Lakeview Blvd. The rest of the members of the audience was composed of Russian Jews who are members of the WORKERS' PARTY, Communists. Informant advised that on entering the Labor Temple, where the meeting was held, he saw CLARA REISEROFF, on whom our Bureau has a large Communistic file and who is a sister of LILLIAN REISEROFF another Communist, and who was sitting at a small table near the entry requesting all Russians who came in to attend the meeting to register, giving their name, address and other information which the Communists might be able to make use of.

This fact is mentioned to show the effort being made by the Communists to get control of all of the new Russian Immigrants.

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Informant was unable to give the names of the people who addressed the meeting but stated that it was a most radical meeting; that all present were advised and requested to join the WORKERS' PARTY OF AMERICA, to tear away from REV.METROPOLSKY who was nothing but a representative of the old Czarist Regime of Russia and that if they ever expected to be free and be organized as independent and free Americans, they would have to get from under the influence of the Russian Priest. All present were requested to boycott the new Russian paper, the "Russian Gazette" and in no way furnish support to it, to REV.METROPOLSKY or anybody who was connected with him.

This is the first meeting which has been called for the lately arrived Russians and is reported for the purpose of showing the strenuous efforts and fight which is being made by the Communists to get control of the new arrivals and put them in the Communistic ranks and environment.

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RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES - Seattle District

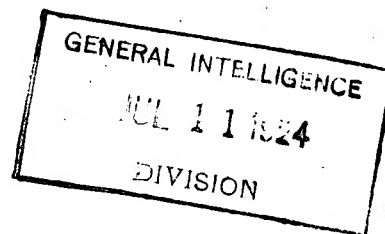
FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Seattle, Washington:

Information has reached this Agent that eleven Russians who had arrived in Seattle during the past five or six months had returned to Harbin, China, stating that they were unable to get work and that there were so many idle Russians they found it better to return to China.

REV. METROPOLSKY, Russian pastor in Seattle, who has been very active in securing work for Russian immigrants, has agreed to give Agent authentic information on whether or not there are any great number of Russian immigrants returning to China as it has recently been learned that fifty or sixty more Russians are anticipating leaving this country.

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File No. 100-7677

Report made at SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	Date when made 2/12/42	Period for which made 1/23/42	Report made by J. P. MacFARLAND
Title WHITE RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE SEATTLE AREA			Character of case INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Synopsis of facts:

This report will set forth data available concerning White Russian organizations in the Seattle area, some of which are now functioning and others of which are out of existence.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent ADRIAN C. SMITH, dated at San Francisco, California, January 7, 1942.

Details:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

All of the information set forth in this report was secured from a confidential source.

THE ALL RUSSIAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY LABOR AND FARMERS PARTY OF FASCISTS

In 1932, according to the informant, the above-named organization came into existence in Seattle, Washington. At no time did the total membership in Seattle exceed over eleven persons. In 1935, it went out of existence because of strife which developed, originating from an effort upon the part of certain members to join this organization with an organization of a similar name which had its headquarters in Harbin, Manchuria. It was the informant's opinion or belief that the organization in the Far East was dominated by the Japanese, he indicating that a Mr. VONSIATSKY, or some similar name, who was associated with a

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general named ~~SE~~SEENOF, were the founders of the Far East group. This informant stated that the objectives of the organization were strictly nationalistic, anti-Semitic and anti-Communist.

Concerning General SEENOF, the informant related that the magazine called "Asia" is in some manner controlled by the referred-to general. He stated that General SEENOF, who at one time was a cavalry officer in the Russian Imperial Army, stole two million dollars of the funds of the Imperial Russian Government when the Bolsheviks were contesting for power. SEENOF, so the informant relates, took the two million dollars to Japan where it is now supposed to be stored in a safety deposit vault in a place unknown to the informant.

The total United States membership of the organization, according to the informant, would not at any time exceed four hundred. The informant stated that one of the objectives of this organization was to take over the Russian government if and when the Soviet Regime fell.

With reference to the identities of the eleven members of the organization in Seattle, Washington, the informant professed not to be able to recall their names. He did, however, mention that one VASILEF, residing at the Lakeview Apartments, said to be employed at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Washington, was a member, as was a Russian named ABLECKOV, about whom the informant made no further comments. The informant was positive in his statement to the effect that this organization no longer functions in Seattle, Washington. He stated that it did not have a publication although he understood that it probably is in existence in San Francisco, California, and probably in New York.

The informant further mentioned that it has been next to impossible to unite Russians residing in the United States into organizations for the reason that petty jealousies soon creep out among the leaders which ultimately cause the organizations to be relegated into the limbo of the past.

UNION OF RUSSIAN MUSKETEERS

The informant stated that approximately twenty two years ago the above-named organization came into existence in Seattle, Washington, it being the outgrowth of a similar group which sprung up in San Francisco, California. The organization was supposed to have been founded by former Grand Duke ALEXANDER of Russia, now said to be a resident of England. One NICKOLAVSKY, about whom the informant had no information,

was the head of the organization in Seattle, Washington. At no time did the organization exceed one hundred members in Seattle, Washington, it being the informant's opinion now that the total membership of this group in Seattle is about four or five members.

Informant described the organization as being anti-Communist, given over to the matter of physical training, along which line he likens it to the Boy Scouts of America. To be eligible for membership, the applicant must be of Russian birth or the son of parents who were born in Russia and who are not Communists. He stated now that the organization consists of boys between the ages of 16 and 25 years. As to the identities of the members of this group in Seattle, Washington, the informant professed no knowledge. He stated that the national headquarters of the organization is supposed to be in San Francisco, California, from which place a magazine, the name of which he did not know, is published covering the activities of the group.

RUSSIAN CENTER

The informant stated that this organization does not exist in Seattle, Washington. It was his opinion that such an organization functions in New York City. He likens it to the spearhead organization, describing it as being composed of delegates from various Russian organizations. It functions more or less as the Executive Committee of all Russian societies. As to the identities of the national leaders and/or of the members thereof on the West Coast, the informant had no information.

THE RUSSIAN UNIVERSITY CLUB

This club, according to the informant, is composed of about twenty to twenty five students in the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. Informant describes it as being a "pink organization". As to the identities of the members thereof, the informant had no knowledge. It was, however, the informant's opinion that a Mr. NOTKIN, who is active in the affairs of the Saint Spiridon Russian Orthodox Church, was instrumental in bringing this club into existence a number of years ago. It is, according to the informant, a discussion and get-together club. The informant did not know the headquarters address of the club in Seattle, Washington.

THE SOCIETY OF RUSSIAN WORLD WAR VETERANS

In 1923 or 1924, according to the informant, the above-named organization, sponsored by General K. ELSHIN of the former Russian Imperial

Army, came into existence in Seattle, Washington. It is thought that membership, according to the informant, never exceeded 93, he relating that the present membership is now about 6. As to the identities of the former and present members of this group, the informant professed no knowledge. To be eligible for membership, the applicant had to produce evidence that he was a former officer of the Russian Army who actively served in the war against Germany. No members would be accepted into the organization unless approved by the Board of Directors thereof. Informant indicated that a General BOOUPKIN of San Francisco, California, whose initials he did not know, was one of the leaders of this group which he described as a self-help organization, the membership dues being \$1.00 per month. He indicated that a former Captain BARSKY, of the old Russian Imperial Army, who is now a resident of San Francisco, California, and whose initials he did not know, was active in this group. Concerning BARSKY, he related that when the Bolsheviks came into power, BARSKY, together with a number of other officers of the Russian Imperial Army, were taken into custody. These officers were to be held for Court Martial. It took no soothsayer, according to the informant, to forecast the sentence of being shot to death, which was imposed upon former officers of the Russian Imperial Army by the Bolsheviks. Grave suspicion surrounded BARSKY because of the fact that three hours after he was taken into custody, he was released by the Bolsheviks. Among the officers who were in custody with BARSKY, some of whom escaped, the general opinion was that BARSKY probably was a member of the Russian Secret Police or at least enrolled in that capacity upon his apprehension by the Bolshevik authorities.

Whether the BARSKY referred to by this informant is identical with the K. P. BARSKY whose name appears on Page 17 of the report of reference as being a member of the Russian Center in San Francisco, California, was not known by the informant. It was the informant's opinion, however, that the BARSKY he refers to, in the event that he is identical with K. P. BARSKY mentioned in the referenced report just above alluded to, is Communistically inclined and might be a member of the Russian Secret Police. This conclusion upon the part of the informant is based upon the facts herein above related with reference to his release by the Bolshevik authorities within a few hours after his arrest during the Russian revolution. BARSKY was head of the Russian Army Intelligence at the time of his arrest by the Bolshevik authorities in 1920.

The informant professed to have no knowledge of the identities of the former members of this group which he now says numbers six.

KAUT KOMPANIA
(WHITE RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS)

The above-named group, according to the informant, came into existence approximately fifteen years ago in Seattle, Washington. Admiral ~~NIKITEL~~ of the former Russian Imperial Navy, who now is a janitor at Greenbaum's Store, Seattle, Washington, was the organizer. NIKITEL, so the informant states, served thirty years in the Russian Imperial Navy. He indicated that there are about six members of this organization at the present time, the names of whom he did not at present know. He indicated that the headquarters of the organization are in New York City. He describes it as being a self-help organization composed entirely of former officers of the Russian Imperial Navy, and it has no political objectives.

RUSSIAN DISABLED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The informant stated that the Russian Disabled Veterans Association or Society was founded by General ELSHIN, the organizer of the Society of Russian World War Veterans. It was organized in about 1923 or 1924. He described the group as a self-help organization for the purpose of promoting friendships among disabled veterans of the first World War who served in the Russian Army. According to the informant, General ELSHIN attempted to use the Russian Disabled Veterans Society as a "pie card". This brought about dissatisfaction and soon the membership disappeared, to be revived under the name of the Society of Russian World War Veterans. According to the informant, the Russian Disabled Veterans Society is not in existence in Seattle, Washington.

RUSSIAN NATIONAL UNION

The informant advises that the Russian National Union is what might be termed the Far Eastern group of the All Russian National Revolutionary Labor and Farmers Party of Fascists. He states that this organization does not exist in Seattle, Washington.

NATIONAL LABOR UNION OF THE NEW GENERATION

The informant had no information concerning the existence of the said organization in Seattle, Washington. It was his impression, however, that the headquarters office of this group is in Belgrade, Jugoslavia.

RUSSIAN YOUTHS ORGANIZATION

In Seattle, Washington, there exists the above-named group which came into existence approximately five years ago upon the initiative of the members of the Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. This is strictly a church group. Eligibility for membership requires attendance at the referred-to church. It is strictly a boys' organization within the age groups of ten to fifteen years and has as its objective the promotion of the faith. The national head of the organization is Archbishop VITALEI of New York. The organization has no nationalistic objectives. Each year on Saint Vladimir's Day, each member of the organization purchases a White Cross, which funds are used for the upkeep of the organization. No dues are paid by the members.

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THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Seattle, Washington: This office will keep in touch with the confidential informant with a view to developing additional information concerning the activities of the organizations mentioned in this report, as well as other organizations among people of Russian nativity.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The confidential informant referred to in this report is

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informant of this office advises activities of Russian Fascists and White Russians at low ebb in that all groups seem intent on one object - crushing Hitlerism. Information also set forth herein as to identity of persons of Russian origin who are soviet sympathizers.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOSEPH P. MAC FARLAND dated Seattle, Washington 2/12/43.

DETAILS: AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

RUSSIAN WAR VETERANS: Confidential Informant T1 advised that **ALEXANDER ELSHIN**, 1512 - 31st Avenue South, was at one time head of the above named organization. This organization, so the informant relates, heretofore favorable to the Imperial Russian Regime, is reversing its policy in sympathy with the present Russian regime. ELSHIN, according to the informant, was elected Commander of the 28th Corps of the Russian Army at the time the Bolsheviks were electing cooks as Generals. During the Russian Civil War he was Chief of Staff of the Southern Army, being relieved of this command for some unknown reason. The informant described ELSHIN as very sly and cunning, whose pose as a friend of Imperial Russia can be well doubted. ELSHIN lives with his son at the address above mentioned. The informant had no knowledge of the identity of the associates of ELSHIN.

As to whether the shift of the leanings of the members of this organization toward the present regime in Russia results from absorption and sincere belief in Marxism or whether the change in sympathy is occasioned by the natural love of an individual for his native

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hearth was not known by the informant.

*RUSSIAN FASCIST PARTY: This party, so the informant relates, which is or was subsidized by the Japanese, has its headquarters in Harbin, Manchuria. A number of years ago a branch of this Party flourished in Seattle. As to who composed the membership at that time, the informant claims no knowledge. It is the belief of the informant that the said Party is non existent in Seattle, Washington. The informant had no information as to whether there are branches of the said party elsewhere in the United States.

*UNION OF RUSSIAN MUSKETEERS: The informant related information previously furnished to the effect that approximately 20 years ago a branch of this organization sprang up in San Francisco, California and spread to Seattle, Washington. It is the informant's opinion that this organization is no longer active, he claiming not to know the identity of the members thereof.

*RUSSIAN NATIONAL UNION: The informant states that this organization is what might be termed the War Eastern Group of the All Russian National Revolutionary Labor and Farmers Party of Fascists. According to the informant this organization does not function in Seattle, Washington.

*FRIENDS OF SOVIET RUSSIA: The informant states that this organization is not now in existence. When it was flourishing, according to the informant, Dr. A. A. LEAF, a dentist with offices at 410 Pike Building, and who resides at 3534 - 46th Street N.E., was active in its affairs. As to the identity of other Russians who had been connected with this organization, the informant had no information.

*RUSSIAN SOVIET SYMPATHIZERS: The informant advised that the following persons of Russian origin were, a number of years ago, members of the red Russian group in Seattle, Washington. As to whether this group is banded together at the present time in an organization, the informant had no knowledge:

FEDAR BARAMUTA, 2214 - 14th South
VICTOR SHEGOLKOV, 6050 - 35th N.E.
EUGENE VOCHENIKOV, 1620 - 13th South
BORIS PYEHASHEV, 2733 E. 92nd (Morningside)
PROF. SERGEIV, 3526 E. 90th (Univ. of Wash.)
DR. A. BAUMZWEIA, 3015 E. Cherry Street
ALEX IVANOFF, Grocery 21st at E. Spruce Street
HENRY GERSTMAN, 2322 - 12th North
P. MITCHELL alias MICHAEL FARAFONTOFF, Seattle Furniture Company,
5311 Admiral Way
MARGARET KORPOVIKAKOVA, 508 - 28th North
B. CORIN, true name B. GORNOSTORV, Moscow Restaurant,
763 Lakeview Boulevard

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THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: Will maintain contact with informants with the idea of developing information concerning the activities of the white and other Russians in this area.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T1:

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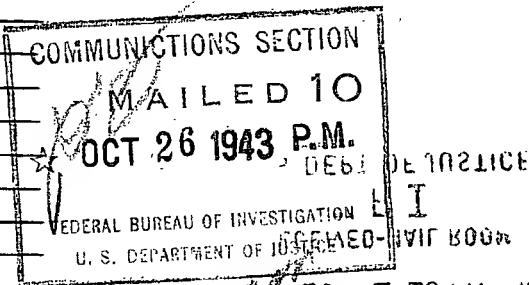
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The Bureau has no record of ever having received the reference report dated February 12, 1943. It is accordingly requested that you immediately make available appropriate copies of this report for the completion of the Bureau's records.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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November 11, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: WHITE RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE SEATTLE AREA
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
(Bureau file 100-7826-51)

Dear Sir:

With respect to Bureau letter of October 25, 1943, permit me to advise that the reference report of Special Agent JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND was incorrectly designated in his report of August 18, 1943. This reference should have been to his report of February 12, 1942.

It is believed that copies of this report are available in the Bureau files.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
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<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No indication of any unusual activities on the part of White Russians in Seattle Field Division. Informants advise that Russians heretofore opposed to Soviet regime have assumed a "Win-the-War" attitude.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND dated 8/18/43 at Seattle, Washington.</p> <p>DETAILS: Informant T-1 advised that he has circulated among the Russians in Seattle during the past several months without developing any information indicating unusual activity upon the part of persons in the Russian colony who heretofore were violently opposed to the Soviet regime. This informant, who is of Russian origin, formerly an officer in the Russian Imperial Army, stated that Russians are a peculiar group of people in that while they may be opposed to the theory of the government presently prevailing in Russia, they nevertheless have a love for the soil of Russia as their homeland, which love is greater than the hate or dislike that they have for the ruling group; consequently their every effort is bent on doing all in their power to help win the present war. The informant was specifically asked concerning the groups mentioned in the reference report of the writer, and he was positive in his assertion that these groups are not active, it being his assumption that if there was activity in any of these organizations, such knowledge would come to him eventually.</p> <p>Informant T-2, who is a Soviet sympathizer of Russian origin, was contacted, and this informant stated that there has been no activity upon the part of White Russians in this area to thwart or defeat the efforts to bring the present war to an early and successful conclusion in favor of the United Nations. This informant, who is prominent and active in the Russian colony, and who notwithstanding Communist</p>			
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leanings, is a person of some financial means and who possesses a cultural background, was of the belief that if there was any activity among white Russian groups in Seattle, Washington, that such information would come to the said informant's attention. This informant spent a period of a month and a half endeavoring to develop information concerning the White Russian organizations mentioned in the report of the writer dated August 18, 1943 without securing any information of value. The informant was positive that all Russians, regardless of their political affiliations, were intent upon one object, and that object is to drive the Nazis from the soil of Russia.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Seattle, Washington, will endeavor to develop other informants in Russian circles so that this office may be kept advised of activities within this racial group.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS:

The confidential informants previously mentioned in this report are identified as follows:

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DETAILS: At Seattle, Washington:

Informant T-1, who is well acquainted in Russian circles, has been contacted by the writer on frequent occasions and he has advised that to his knowledge there is no activity on the part of the White Russian colony in Seattle, Washington. He stated that since the advent of the entrance of Russia into the war against Germany and by reason of the invasion of Russia by the Nazis the feeling of the White Russians toward their homeland has considerably softened to the extent that there is no activity in the Russian community opposing the Soviet Regime at the present time. This informant stated that the White Russians who heretofore have aggitated continuously against the Soviet Regime have swallowed their dislike for the Soviet Government and are fully cooperating with the war effort and assist in Russian War Relief. This Informant stated that notwithstanding the fact that he is a white Russian by

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reputation, that he has been in contact with sailors from Russian ships in the Port of Seattle and has learned from said sailors that the Soviet Regime apparently misinform the citizens of that country concerning the conditions prevailing in the United States.

The Russian sailors according to the Informant were quite surprised when they learned that it was possible for the citizens of the United States to purchase food and other articles of need in stores. The Russian sailors contrasted the freedom of action of Americans in this regard with the conditions prevailing in Russia by remarking that there are separate stores set up for the officials of the Soviet Regime and separate stores for other Russian citizens. According to the Russian sailors, only the officials are permitted to purchase certain types of food and commodities. The Russian sailors have expressed themselves to this Informant as believing that they will be liquidated upon the termination of the war by reason of their knowledge of prevailing economic and social conditions in the United States and in other nations cooperating in the war against Germany.

This Informant likewise advised that the Russian sailors mentioned to him that they were informed that the American people were starving and were unemployed and endured considerable hardship. The Russian sailors according to the Informant, expressed great surprise at what he observed as being the condition of the American people. The Russian sailors remarked that the American people have considerably more than what the people in Russia have under the Soviet Regime.

One of the many sailors contacted by this Informant advised him that he went to sea at the age of 19. For five years thereafter the sailor followed the sea and was not granted a furlough. The Russian sailor expressed the opinion that the Soviet authorities would not permit sailors and other maritime employees who have visited foreign countries to have leave in the home towns and villages.

Informant T-2, who is a Red Russian and who acknowledged membership in Branch 370 of the Communist Party in Seattle, Washington and who is a well educated person advised that no information had come to this said Informant's attention of any White Russian activities. This Informant stated that the invasion of Russia by Germany cooled the attitude of the White Russians toward the Russian Regime. The Informant stated that since Germany invaded Russia many of the White Russians have become sympathetic with the soviet Government. The Informant expressed the belief that this sympathy was not so much for the Soviet Regime as it was a feeling of remorse and sorrow for the sufferings endured by the Russian homeland. This Informant who has considerable number of contacts in the Russian community made inquiries for the purpose of determining whether there was any organized White Russian activities in the Seattle, Washington area and

reported back that there was no such activities. This Informant stated that during the month of May, 1944, the exact date unknown, a banquet was given to the Russian Counsel of San Francisco, California who was in Seattle, Washington. On the occasion of the banquet she noticed that one Mr. YOSHEV, who is believed to be an engineer connected with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, was in attendance. The Informant expressed the belief that YOSHEV probably had no great love for the Russian Counsel notwithstanding the fact that he was in attendance at the banquet given in honor of the Russian Counsel.

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THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington: Will continue, through Informants, to keep abreast of activities in the Russian Colony.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Seattle

SUBJECT: RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES
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DATE: October 14, 1944

Reference is made to the letter to the Bureau from the San Francisco Field Division dated May 3, 1944, in which this office was requested to attempt to locate one PAUL KENTS in order to determine the reason Vice Consul KHEIFETS of San Francisco was interested in him.

This is to advise that the following inquiry was made in an effort to locate PAUL KENTS within the Seattle Field Division:

At Seattle, Washington

In Seattle the indices and records of the following were checked for information concerning PAUL KENTS with negative results:

The Seattle Police Department
Seattle Credit Bureau
Local Selective Service Boards
University of Washington
St. Edwards Seminary
ONI
City Directory

King County Sheriff's Office
Immigration and Naturalization
Service
Seattle Pacific College
Seattle College
G-2
Telephone Directory

At Bellingham, Washington

Western Washington College

At Pullman, Washington

Washington State College

At Spokane, Washington

Gonzaga University
Whitworth College

At Ellensburg, Washington

Central Washington College of
Education

At Lacey, Washington

St. Martin's College

At Walla Walla, Washington

Walla Walla College
Police Department
Sheriff's Office
Walla Walla Credit Bureau

At Cheney, Washington

Eastern Washington College
of Education

At Tacoma, Washington

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It is noted that inquiries were made at all colleges located within the Seattle Field Division.

In view of the fact that efforts to locate PAUL KENTS in the territory covered by the Seattle Field Division failed to reflect that he has ever resided in this area, no further investigation is being conducted by this office.

LRW:GJL

CC: SAC, Washington Field
SAC, San Francisco
SAC, Portland
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TITLE WHITE RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE SEATTLE AREA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

This report sets forth a brief history of the White Russian settlement in the Seattle area and includes the identity of organizations, churches, business establishments, social leaders and present affiliations of White Russians with Russian War Relief and SGRC. Information obtained indicates that former animosity toward Soviet Government on part of White Russians is gradually being replaced by a more favorable attitude toward the present Russian regime.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND, Seattle, Washington, dated May 30, 1944.

DETAILS:

The information hereinafter set forth unless otherwise specified was made available to the Seattle Office by Confidential National Defense Informant

History of Russian Nationals in Seattle Area

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From the turn of the twentieth century to the present there has been a constant flow of Russian Nationals from eastern Russia to the western part of the United States. The emigration from Russia was stimulated from 1900 to 1917 by the persecution of political enemies of the Czarist regime. Since 1917 this movement has been the result primarily of the persecution

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of political enemies of the Soviet Government. Prior to 1917 the Russian emigrants arriving in the Seattle area were primarily radicals while those coming subsequent to 1917 were predominately White Russian refugees, the term, White Russian, being used in the distinction to Red Russians, the latter being adherents of the present Soviet regime. There has been considerable indication that the White Russians arriving in the Seattle area since 1917 have endeavored to maintain their homogeneity and to preserve the culture of Czarist Russia both in their homes and in their churches.

It is estimated that the Russian-born residents represent slightly more than four percent of the total population of Alaska and the Puget Sound area. Approximately 3,000 White Russians came to the Seattle area after the collapse of Siberian resistance to the Bolshevik Armies. A number of these Russian families have moved further south and to other parts of the country, however as of 1940 it was estimated that there were approximately 2,500 members of the White Russian colony in Seattle and vicinity. After the arrival of this group in the Seattle area, leadership among the people was assumed by former military leaders who served under the Czar. These military leaders organized forces which became the focal point of anti-Bolshevik and anti-Soviet propaganda, the fountainhead of this movement being the surviving White Russian "Government in Exile" in Harbin, Manchuria. The Seattle White Russian colony came under the domination of Harbin, first through direct emigration from Manchuria and then from a result of recruiting and organizing campaigns directed toward White Russians settled in the United States.

Among the White Russian organization which have operated in the Seattle area the following are among the most prominent:

- ~~X~~ Russian Fascist Union
- ~~X~~ United Russian-American Society
- ~~X~~ United Russian National Organizations in Seattle
- ~~X~~ Society for Aid of Federation of Russian War Disabled Emigrants
- ~~X~~ Russian Veterans Society of the World War
- ~~X~~ Young Russian Party (Mladorosskaia Partia) of Vancouver, B.C.
- ~~X~~ National League of Americans of Russian Origin
- ~~X~~ League of Young Russia
- ~~X~~ Russian-American Anti-Communist League
- ~~X~~ Russian Refugee Children's Welfare Society
- ~~X~~ Russian Student Association, University of Washington
- ~~X~~ Russian National Union in America, Inc.
- ~~X~~ Quasi-White Russian - University of Washington International Club
- ~~X~~ Russian War Veterans Society, Vancouver, B. C.

While most of the above organizations were formed for the purpose of expressing opposition to the Bolshevik regime it has been reported that none of them ever aroused a great deal of ideological passion among the White Russian people. To the contrary the indications are that most of them up until the beginning of the present war were content as simple American citizens.

Russian Churches

As a result of the settlement of the Russian emigrants in the Seattle area two Russian churches have been established in Seattle. The Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of St. Spiridon is located at 400 Yale Avenue North and its pastor is VASILY KUVSHINOFF. The other church is St. Nicholas Memorial Church located at 1714 13th Avenue. The pastor of this church is Reverend MICHAEL DANILCHIK. It has been reported that most of the Russians attending this church are anti-Soviet and continue to retain their patriotism toward the Bolshevik regime. On the other hand those Russians who have somewhat become reconciled to the present government in Russia and those who are accordingly sympathetic to the Soviet regime, patronize the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of St. Spiridon. Confidential Informant T-1 indicated to reporting agent that this is the general condition existing in these two churches at the present time.

White Russian Business Houses

The following are reportedly among the more prominent business houses that have been established in Seattle by individual members of the White Russian colony:

Russian Restaurant Moscow, 763 Lakewiew Blvd.
 Russian Samovar Restaurant, 806 East Roy Street
 (PETER A. VOITAKHOFF, Manager. He is the former president of the Russian-Asiatic Bank of Siberia).
 Novikoff School of Ballet (IVAN NOVIKOFF, affiliated with BORIS NOVIKOFF, New York, Boston, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle).
 Sudakoff Flowers, Fifth Avenue, Seattle (MARIA SUDAKOFF HANSEN).

Social Leaders in White Russian Colony

The following members of the White Russian colony are reportedly the social leaders in this group:

ALEX N. SUDAKOFF	LIDA SUDAKOFF COALE
VALENTINA SUDAKOFF LUNDQUIST	MARIE SUDAKOFF HANSEN
ALEXANDER JEDENNOFF	PAUL P. YEJOFF
VASIL N. SOSHOVSKY	BORIS B. CHAGIN
NICKLAS PERSHIN	DMITRY NITIKIN
DR. A. M. PRISADSKY	T. TISCHENKO
ALEX SMIRNOFF	P. P. VERESCHAGIN
G. N. BOOKANOFF	JAMES B. NOTKIN
MARIE SORENSON	MRS. FRANZA ZALLINGER
MRS. DARIA SHEMAEVEFF	MISS MARY MORRISON

Members of White Russian Colony Employed As Translators in Seattle Area

With the beginning of the present war and the expansion of the lend-lease program a large number of Soviet vessels and officials of the Soviet

Union have come to the Seattle area. A branch office of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission has been established in Seattle for the purpose of handling the export of materials from the United States to Soviet Russia. As a result of this new type of business and the influx of these Russian officials there has been a considerable demand for translators among numerous shipping concerns, shipyards and various federal agencies. Most of these translators have been recruited from members of the White Russian colony. Among these individuals who reportedly are presently engaged as translators in the Seattle area are the following:

EUGENE ALEXANDER ~~LEBEDEFF~~, 3234 35th Avenue West, native of Siberia, occupation pipefitter.
 EUGENE JACOB ~~RAJNOVSKY~~, 2625 49th SW, born Russia October 28, 1896, citizenship certificate #3126670, occupation electrician.
 DAVID MAURICE ~~NIGEL~~, 117 28th Avenue, born Tientsen, China, July 19, 1913, has first papers.
 NICK JOHN ~~GLEBOFF~~, 13442 Greenwood Avenue, born Russia May 9, 1916, employed joiners shop.
 ART ROBERT ~~ALEXANDER~~, 1601 Western Avenue, born Russia August 22, 1904, has first papers.
 SOLOMON LEO ~~BRIVLIN~~, 1910 Main Street, born Tientsen, China, July 6, 1921; has first papers.
 ABRAHAM ~~BOLOTIN~~, 508 30th Avenue, born September 15, 1883. This man is reported to be a member of the Communist Party in Seattle.
 DAVID ~~BOONOV~~, 809 5th Avenue, Russian citizenship, is sheet metal worker.
 ANTHONY TERRY ~~STUBAR~~, 919 Plumber Street, born Russia June 24, 1892.
 MICHAEL KONSTANTIN ~~PICHAHEHY~~, 921 22nd Avenue, born Russia January 1, 1905.
 VESSEVOLD VASILEVICH ~~SAVINOFF~~, born at Oranburg, Russia, November 11, 1893, employed as interpreter by Todd Seattle Dry Dock Corporation.
 (GEORGE ALEXANDER ~~SLOODKOVSKY~~), born at Perm, Russia, February 23, 1919, employed as interpreter of Russian and Japanese of the American Ship Supply Company.

Participation of White Russians in Russian War Relief

As heretofore indicated since 1939 there has apparently been a gradual transition from an eagerness on the part of White Russians to see the defeat of Soviet Russia to a present attitude indicating a quiet pride in the resistance which the Russian Armies have put up against Germany.

Some of the members of the White Russian colony have even gone further and have actively participated in Russian War Relief. The following individuals reportedly are members of the White Russian colony who have actively participated in Russian War Relief:

P. I. KOZOLIN
 MRS. JAMES NOTKIN
 DMITRIEFF, ALEX
 T. B. KOZOLIN
 A. L. LEAF
 GEORGE BARMUTA
 PROF. & MRS. S. SERGEV
 EVA BALTRUSIS
 E. KOCTUNIVICH
 ALEXANDER HUEY
 NICHOLAS GRAF
 NILA GRECHUHIN
 ALEX SHANE
 LUDMILA NASONOV
 K. M. DMITRIEFF
 GEORGE YOEUELL
 PAUL YEHOFF
 PAUL UMOFF

ANNA LAVASKA
 N. G. PERSHIN
 P. V. RICHNOV
 ALFRED SHEMAISKI
 DR. SOURIAN TASHINA
 OLGA and TANYA FARAFONTOFF
 IVAN LUVICH BEST
 S. B. NOTKIN
 ANTON PRISADSKY
 I. F. DOROSHENKO
 V. K. SCHEGOLKOV
 E. MITROFANOV
 GEORGE BOROVIKOV
 N. G. PERSHIN
 PETER SHIROKOFF
 S. M. MARGARINSKY
 GALINA ZLENKO
 M. N. VINOGRADOV

White Russians Employed by
 Soviet Government Purchasing Commission

While the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission located in the Alaska Building, Seattle, Washington, has a number of Americans employed in clerical positions only two of these individuals so far as is known are descendants of Russian parents.

LIDA HETTEL, whose true name is LIDA TARADONOFF, according to records of the Captain of the Port, was born in Vladivostok, Russia, on March 1, 1920. She arrived in the United States at Seattle, Washington, on June 22, 1931. She is presently employed as a clerk by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and is also used as a Russian interpreter.

JAMES KRENOV was born at Welin, Siberia, on October 31, 1920. He arrived in the United States at the Port of Seattle on September 27, 1923. At the present time he is employed in the Ship Supply Branch of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission.

Neither HETTEL nor KRENOV are American citizens however the latter, according to the latest information, has made application for certificate of derivative citizenship.

Sine June , 1940, when Germany invaded Russia there has been a tendency as heretofore indicated on the part of many White Russians to sublimate the former animosity to the Soviet regime and to adopt a more favorable attitude toward the present Soviet Government. The following factors among others allegedly have, according to Confidential Informant [redacted], influenced this change of attitude:

1. Application of the newly liberalized Soviet Constitution gives them hope of softening the "harshness" of Red rule.
2. Since outbreak of the war the Communist element in Russia has wooed all other political elements in the interests of this very national unity.
3. Their newly adopted land, the United States, is engaged in the war as an active Ally of the Soviets.
4. A cursory study of Geopolitik convinces most of them that the days of Fascist triumph are numbered.

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The following is the conclusion drawn by Confidential Informant [redacted] as to the present line of thought existing in the White Russian colony:

"The Russians were sharply divided into two ideological camps prior to 1941 (the Red Russians spying and reporting on the White Russians and vice versa), it has in the past been possible to identify and segregate a great many of the most active and to form an idea of the pattern of their activities. Today this is becoming more difficult. Political opinions have been slowly submerged in new considerations, including the very real fear that Russia might be conquered, spoiled and divided by triumphant Axis armies. The result has been that an overwhelming, nationalistic Russian activity...has replaced in importance the partisan activities of subordinate groups. For the moment at least, the White Russians must be considered equally interested with the Russian Communists and the military, commercial, and diplomatic representatives of the Soviet Government in the survival of the Motherland against military aggression."

The conclusion above reached by Confidential Informant [redacted] was recently corroborated by Confidential Informant T-1, who expressed the opinion that by far the greater majority of all White Russians residing in the Seattle area were devoted to their adopted country and were only interested in Soviet Russia for sentimental reasons and because of their desire to see the complete defeat of the Axis powers. This informant indicated that while certain individual members of the White Russian colony might possibly be placed in the category "Red", still she was not in a position to indicate the identify of these persons.

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SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington:

Will interview SERGE ~~X~~ROMANOFF, 1817 14th Avenue, who is employed as Superintendent of Banquets at the Olympic Hotel, and is a native-born Russian. According to Confidential Informant T-1 this individual is definitely anti-Communist and any information which he may give regarding a tendency on the part of certain members of the White Russian colony to turn toward the Communist regime can be relied upon.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

This report sets forth a brief history of the White Russian settlement in the Seattle area and includes the identity of organizations, churches, business establishments, social leaders and present affiliations of White Russians with Russian War Relief and SQPC. Information obtained indicates that former animosity toward Soviet Government on part of White Russians is gradually being replaced by a more favorable attitude toward the present Russian regime.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND, Seattle, Washington, dated May 30, 1944.

DETAILS:

The information hereinafter set forth unless otherwise specified was made available to the Seattle Office by Confidential National Defense Informant .

History of Russian Nationals in Seattle Area

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From the turn of the twentieth century to the present there has been a constant flow of Russian Nationals from eastern Russia to the western part of the United States. The emigration from Russia was stimulated from 1900 to 1917 by the persecution of political enemies of the Czarist regime. Since 1917 this movement has been the result primarily of the persecution

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Seattle, Washington

January 29, 1945

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:-

Special Agent RUSSELL J. DeWEES, JR., while conferring with Lieutenant-Commander EDWARD SPELLACY, DIO, on official matters, was advised by the latter that an official of the Navy from Washington, D. C. had been in the DIO, ONI, Seattle, within the past several days and made an oral statement to the effect that the Navy was interested in the intelligence activities of our allies. The inference was drawn by Commander Spellacy that the Navy was interested, in this vicinity at least, primarily in the activities of Russians.

Lieutenant Commander Spellacy pointed out that the Navy has received information periodically concerning Russian intelligence activities as a consequence of boarding activities within the primary jurisdiction of the Office of Naval Intelligence. He further observed that the Navy in the 13th Naval District has not been instructed as to the limitations concerning such boarding activity and that he desires a clarification of the Navy's position in this matter from the Navy Department at Washington, D. C. He further stated that it was his intention that this question be raised at a conference between representatives of his office and the FBI at Seattle for the purpose of determining the delineation existent between the FBI and ONI on such activities.

To date Captain HARTWELL C. DAVIS, District Intelligence Officer, Seattle, has not approached me on such a matter, and I of course am interested in receiving the Bureau's opinion as to what the Bureau's position would be were such a discussion to arise. I am thoroughly cognizant of the Bureau's instructions with reference to the CINRAD and COMRAP cases, and the Bureau is assured that at no time have the intelligence services ever been given any indication whatsoever concerning our activities in this field, with the exception of course of the Special Intelligence Officer, Corps of Engineers, Hanford, Washington Project. In certain Russian investigations referred to this office by the Bureau it has been specifically indicated in the Bureau's request for investigation that these reports not be disseminated to any outside agency.

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The Bureau is aware that this office is conducting an investigation on "Lieutenant NICOLAI REDIN, Soviet Liaison and Routing Officer - IS (R)." Lieutenant REDIN's office is on the fifth floor of the Exchange Building, Seattle. The Office of Naval Intelligence is on the same floor two or three offices removed. On Bureau authority a technical surveillance has been placed on the

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Re: RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES

residence telephone of Lieutenant REDIN. None has been placed, however, at the office of Lieutenant REDIN inasmuch as the Exchange Building is under constant surveillance by the Navy Department, that building being the headquarters for the 13th Naval District, and his telephone extension goes through the main Navy switchboard. It therefore obviously was impracticable for this office to give consideration to such a technical surveillance. It is within the realm of possibility that Lieutenant REDIN's phone is under surveillance by the Navy. ONI has not ever given any indication to this effect, however, nor have they furnished any information that might have been indicative of such a situation. For the Bureau's information it might be noted that Lieutenant REDIN works in close cooperation with U. S. Naval officers in the routing of Soviet merchant ships.

Anticipating the questions that Captain DAVIS might pose to me in the event the aforementioned conference comes to pass, I am desirous of being advised by the Bureau the extent to which, if any, this office should cooperate with ONI in the exchange of information concerning investigations conducted of Russian officials or Russian individuals residing in this field division who do not have diplomatic immunity.

Very truly yours,



LELAND V. BOARDMAN
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SAC, Seattle

February 5, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to your letter dated January 29, 1945, captioned "Russian Activities", setting forth the results of a conversation between Special Agent Russell J. DeWees, Jr., and Lieutenant Commander Edward Spellacy of the District Intelligence Office, 13th Naval District. Referenced letter stated that you desired the Bureau to advise you to what extent, if any, you should cooperate with the Office of Naval Intelligence in the exchange of information concerning investigations conducted of Russian officials or Russian individuals residing within your Field Division who do not have diplomatic immunity.

You will recall that the delimitation agreement between the Office of Naval Intelligence, Office of Military Intelligence, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation specifically grants exclusive jurisdiction to this Bureau to investigate subversive or espionage activities on the part of all individuals not employees of the Army or Navy, with the exception of investigations involving Japanese, in which case the Office of Naval Intelligence has concurrent jurisdiction with the Bureau. Investigations conducted by you of Russian officials or Russian individuals residing within your Field Division who do not have diplomatic immunity would be of the nature primarily within the jurisdiction of this Bureau. In the event that a Naval interest existed, information developed through these investigations will be furnished to the Office of Naval Intelligence at the Seat of Government.

You have been previously advised by the Bureau that information developed in connection with the CINRAD and COMRAP cases should not be furnished by you to the local Offices of Naval or Military Intelligence, with the exception of the Special Intelligence Officer, Manhattan Engineers District.

The above instructions apply to your investigations of Russian officials or Russian individuals residing within your Field Division who do not have diplomatic immunity, as the majority of them are related in some respect with the above-mentioned cases. In the event that the local Offices of Military or Naval Intelligence indicate a specific interest in some subject of investigation, this matter should immediately be brought to the attention of the Bureau and a decision relative to distribution will be made in each case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: SODAC
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 1945

On Wednesday, February 21, 1945 the American Ice Breaker "SOUTH WIND" was turned over to the Soviet Navy at Tacoma, Washington and re-christened the "SEVERNY POLUS" (NORTH POLE).

The commissioning ceremonies were attended by the following:

Rear Admiral SEMAN SPIRIDONOVICH ~~RAMISHVILI~~ - SGPC, Portland
 Captain ARAKEL ~~PIRVERDIAN~~ - SGPC, Portland, Routing
 MIKHAIL ~~SEROV~~ - SGPC
 Lt. Commander NIKOLAI ~~IGNATIEV~~ - Routing and Liaison, Ottawa, Canada
 Captain LEONID ALEXEEVICH ~~RAZIN~~ - Former SGPC, Portland, now enroute
 Washington, D. C.
 Commander ~~HOLKOV~~ - Naval Technician, Washington, D. C.
 Commander ~~TEGOROV~~ (or ~~EGOROV~~), Naval Technician, Washington, D. C.
 A. S. ~~KOLESNICHENKO~~ - Chief Engineer, Sgpc, Seattle
 Commander NIKON ~~BEZROUKOV~~, Chief, SGPC Office, Seattle
 Lt. EUGEN NICHOLAIVICH ~~VOROBIEV~~
 Lt. ALEXANDER ~~VETROV~~, Master, USSR ICE BREAKER "KRASIN"
 Captain ALEXANDER E. ~~VOSTROUKHOV~~, Routing and Liaison Officer, Seattle
 Commander ~~VOLKHOV~~ - Naval Engineer
 NIKOLAI ~~VELEKOTSKY~~, Assistant Chief, SGPC, Seattle
 VALENTIN ~~MARKASOV~~ - SGPC
 MICHAEL ~~MARKOV~~ - Master, "SEVERNY POLUS"
 BORIS IAKOVLEVICH ~~GNESIN~~ - Engineer ICE BREAKER Fleet

On the evening of February 21, 1945 the ~~Soviet~~ Government Purchasing Commission held a reception and dinner at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Washington which was attended by all of the persons named above with the exception of Captain PIRVERDIAN, Rear Admiral RAMISHVILI and MIKHAIL SEROV. In addition certain representatives of the MOORE-McCORMACK STEAMSHIP LINES and two United States Government officials were present.

BORIS I. ~~GNESIN~~ was host for the evening probably because he is known as the Soviet representative in charge of the ICE BREAKER Fleet.

The above information was furnished the Seattle Field Division by [redacted] His identity should not be revealed to outside agencies.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

FEBRUARY 24, 1945

RE: SODAC
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

The attention of the Portland Field Division is specifically directed to the information stating that Lt. Commander NIKOLAI IGNATIEV has been designated Routing and Liaison Officer at Ottawa, Canada. This individual is thought to be identical with Lt. Commander IGNATIEV, recently accredited as Routing and Liaison Officer at Portland, Oregon.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 10, 1946

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to the letter from the San Francisco Office to the Bureau captioned as above, dated March 12, 1946, advising that information had been received from the War Shipping Administration officials that the Captains of American ships "EDWIN J. BERNWIND" and "ROSS R. FARRINGTON" had been told by the Office of Naval Intelligence to keep their eyes open on their trip from Seattle to Vladivostok. The Bureau, by letter of March 20, 1946, directed the Seattle office not to attempt to interview the Captains of these two vessels but to check with the Office of Naval Intelligence at Seattle for any pertinent information regarding Soviet activities which may be developed by the Office of Naval Intelligence through their interviews with these shipping captains.

Captain F. J. FIRTH, DIO, 13 ND, Seattle, Wash., advised that the two ships mentioned above had returned to the United States from Vladivostok and reentered this country at San Pedro, California. He said that a complete report concerning Naval Intelligence Office interviews with the Captains of these vessels was contained in DIO 11 ND report of April 2, 1946. In compliance with Bureau instructions, the San Diego Office is requested to contact the Office of the 11th Naval District of San Diego, California, and obtain any pertinent information regarding Soviet activities which was developed by the Office of Naval Intelligence through their interviews with these ship captains.

Captain F. J. FIRTH also advised that he understood that newspaper articles appeared in the San Pedro or Los Angeles papers concerning remarks made by the seamen aboard the above mentioned ships after their return from Vladivostok. These remarks were for the most part very critical of conditions in Vladivostok and particularly their treatment by Soviet officials. It may be possible that the Los Angeles office, through contact with the branch Intelligence Office at San Pedro, California, could locate the newspaper articles mentioned.

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